

Fiscal 2018 Operating Budget Detail Backup

Social Services Department Narrative

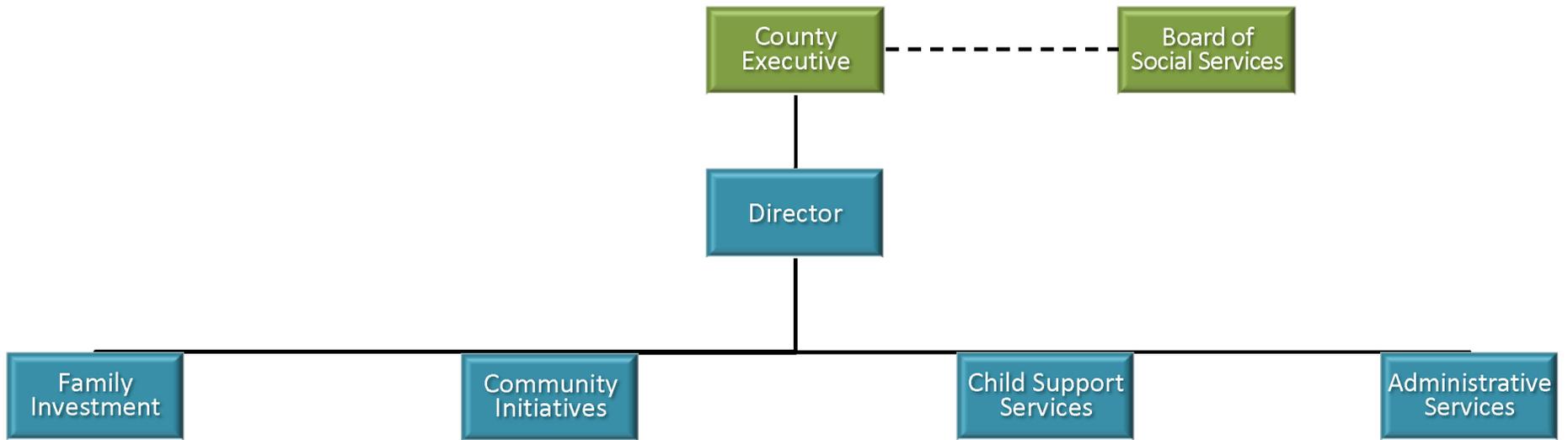
Department Description :

The Department of Social Services provides assistance to low-income individuals and families, vulnerable populations, foster and adoptive families, current and former welfare recipients and children of those families that may be eligible to receive assistance. The Department provides a flexible support system of relevant opportunities that make positive differences in the lives of children and adults within the communities of Howard County. It is imperative that the County empowers each citizen and affords opportunities and support mechanisms to ensure children are raised in a safe and caring environment. The Department focuses on families and adults that are considered "vulnerable, or the working poor". It will provide for a variety of needs that are not covered by traditional assistance.

Outlook : (What is new or different about this years budget?)

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Social Services Department Organizational Chart



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Social Services Department Personnel Summary

| Classification | Grade | FY 2017 Authorized | FY 2018 Proposed |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1405 - ADMIN SUPPORT TECHNICIAN I | GD | 0.88 | 0.88 |
| 1407 - ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN II | GE | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 5207 - HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALIST I | GH | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| 5209 - HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALIST II | GJ | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| SBFS Total | | 6.88 | 6.88 |

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Social Services Department Expenditure Detail

01 - General Fund

| | FY 2016 Actual | FY 2017 Approved | FY 2017 Estimate | FY 2018 Proposed | \$ Change | % Change |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 7100000000 - Department of Social Services | | | | | | |
| 50 - Personnel Costs Total | 194,059 | 251,820 | 217,531 | 272,427 | 20,607 | 8.18% |
| 51 - Contractual Services Total | 322,759 | 357,045 | 357,045 | 395,008 | 37,963 | 10.63% |
| 58 - Expense Other Total | 5,565 | 6,257 | 6,257 | 6,461 | 204 | 3.26% |
| 7100000000 - Department of Social Services Total | 522,383 | 615,122 | 580,833 | 673,896 | 58,774 | 9.55% |
| 01 - General Fund Total | 522,383 | 615,122 | 580,833 | 673,896 | 58,774 | 9.55% |

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14 - Grants Fund

| | FY 2016 Actual | FY 2017 Approved | FY 2017 Estimate | FY 2018 Proposed | \$ Change | % Change |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 7100000000 - Department of Social Services | | | | | | |
| 50 - Personnel Costs Total | 242,388 | 357,000 | 357,000 | 357,000 | 0 | 0.00% |
| 51 - Contractual Services Total | 3,362 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| 7100000000 - Department of Social Services Total | 245,750 | 357,000 | 357,000 | 357,000 | 0 | 0.00% |
| 14 - Grants Fund Total | 245,750 | 357,000 | 357,000 | 357,000 | 0 | 0.00% |
| 7100 - Department of Social Services Total | 768,133 | 972,122 | 937,833 | 1,030,896 | 58,774 | 6.05% |

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Social Services Division Detail

Division Narrative : 7100000000 - Department of Social Services

Fund : General Fund

Narrative :

Howard County Department of Social Services provides human services to the residents of Howard County through a variety of programs e.g. food, cash and medical assistance; child and adult protective services; child support enforcement etc. The income maintenance programs of Family Investment Administration (FIA) help to stabilize vulnerable households; for example, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps low-income households buy healthy foods. Medical Assistance programs help all eligible recipients, including all children in Foster Care and low-income families and individuals pay their medical bills. Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) program provides cash assistance to families with dependent children when available resources do not sufficiently address the family's needs and while preparing program participants for independence through work. Child protective services programs provide stable environments for children and adults who are at risk of neglect, abuse and exploitation. Finally, the child support division administers enforcement and establishment programs that provide the financial, medical and emotional support that children need to grow and thrive.
